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High school technology to be displayed at showcase Friday

Technology classes at Hoopeston Area High School will strut their stuff Friday when school, community and business leaders attend the school's Technology Showcase.

The showcase will begin at 10:30 a.m. and is expected to last until 1:30 p.m., said coordinator Lori Eells.

Eells, along with computer coordinator Larry Jahn, wrote the state grant application that allowed the school to boost its technology offerings.

The school received a \$45,000 Illinois State Board of Education grant to create a new 32-machine computer lab with Internet access.

That lab, as well as equipment for distance learning classes and the school's upcoming television channel will be displayed during the showcase.

As part of the grant, the school district must work with community businesses, Eells said. Participating businesses include the Hoopeston Public Library, Hoopeston Cable TV, Stokely, Barron Chase Securities, Silgan Containers, FMC, Community Bank, Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, the Hoopeston

Chamber of Commerce, Palmer Bank and Danville Area Community College.

For their part, businesses pledged to make in-kind donations toward the matching grant and are expected to put their employees' expertise into the classrooms and allow on-site visits by students, Eells said.

In turn, the school will open its computer lab to businesses for employee training.

Additionally, the grant had to be tied to a specific academic area, Eells said, adding that science was the chosen area. High school science teachers will conduct interdisciplinary projects involving the technology, she said.

The exact nature of the school-business partnership has not been determined. "We're still kind of in the beginning stages of it," Eells said. What role each will be play will be discussed at the showcase, she said.

Getting business backing for the grant was easy, Eells said. "We made some phone calls and everybody we called came to the meeting," she said. "They were interested in doing whatever they could to help us."

Rainy days will be no problem for Hoopeston Multi Agency

A grant from a Vermilion County organization will keep a Hoopeston agency safe from rainy days.

The Hoopeston Multi Agency this week received a \$38,900 grant from the Vermilion Healthcare Foundation, said Chalmers Flint, Multi Agency executive director.

"You cannot imagine how excited we are about being able to put a new roof on," Flint said. "I'm already dickering with the roofers."

Flint applied for the grant last December and received the check Tuesday morning.

The funds came from the foundation, which was

established in 1988, said executive director Eileen Kinson.

The group primarily funds requests for health care and educational purposes although the board may approve other requests, Kinson said.

The foundation was established when the former Lakeview Medical Center was sold to the Franciscan Sisters, owners of United Samaritans Medical Center, she said.

Capital from the sale was invested and income from those investments is awarded in the form of grants to qualified, tax exempt Vermilion County agencies.

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Jazz band gets I rating, soloists honored at competition

A first place rating and two soloist awards were earned by Hoopeston Area jazz bands at Saturday's Jazz Band Competition at Eastern Illinois University.

The high school's jazz band I brought home the first, and Brian Langdoc and Cole Zemke received soloist awards.

The middle school jazz band also competed, bringing home a sixth place rating, said band director Mark Lindvahl.

The groups also competed Feb. 1 at Illinois Wesleyan University where Langdoc received the International Association of Jazz Educators' soloist award.

The trombone player was one of two soloists honored from members of 35 bands, Lindvahl said.

The jazz bands will be among groups participating in the Mid Winter Band/Chorus Concert to be held Thursday, March 6 at the Hoopeston Area Jazz



Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in a one-car accident at 1:10 a.m. Wednesday.

Police said Scott W. Henk, 709 E. Penn, in a 1995 Chevrolet Camaro, slid into the mailbox at the Jerry's IGA parking lot.

Roger Everhart, 323 S. Fourth St., reported Thursday that someone broke the glass of the outer door to his apartment. A light bulb was also broken.

A **girl's 26-inch** pink and purple Free Spirit bicycle

was found Thursday at FMC. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Court dispositions



Feb. 6: Kathy J. Hilligar, Rossville, deceptive practice, pleaded guilty; restitution paid in full, \$45 fine and costs.

Rob O'Neal, Hoopeston, battery, nolle pros.

Multi Agency continued from other side

Grants are awarded four times each year by the 13-member board of directors, made up of businessmen and professional people in the Danville area, Kinson said.

Grants for capital improvements, such as the Multi Agency roof, are usually not made, although the board may use discretion to fund such a request. "Sometimes an organization has to have an adequate facility to meet the needs of its clients," Kinson said.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Feb. 11, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Michael Baird, Rankin.

Weather



Mostly cloudy today. High in the low 30s. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the low teens. Tomorrow, snow likely. High near 30, low near 23.



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